



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
RONNIE MUSGROVE, GOVERNOR  
MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
ROBERT J. ROHRLACK, JR., CED  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 31, 2002

Dear Vendor:

The State of Mississippi is updating its vendor files in an effort to capture participation by minority vendors. Please complete the enclosed Minority Vendor Self Certification Form, if you are a vendor who can claim status as a Minority Business Enterprise or a Women Business Enterprise in accordance with the definitions on the back.

Your immediate response is important to us. Please return the form in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. The form may also be faxed to (601) 359-5525. Should you require additional information or need assistance in completing the form, please call the Mississippi Development Authority, Minority Business Enterprise Division at (601) 359-3448.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gennie Lacy Jones".

Gennie Lacy Jones  
Director  
Minority Business Enterprise Division

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Anderson".

Gary Anderson  
Executive Director  
Mississippi Department of Finance  
and Administration

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Enclosure

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**Minority Vendor Self Certification Form**

Please complete the following information on this form and return immediately to the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, Attention: Vendor File Maintenance, P.O. Box 1060, Jackson, Mississippi 39215. Forms may also be faxed to (601) 359-5525.

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax I.D.: \_\_\_\_\_  
SAAS Vendor #s (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**MINORITY STATUS**

As used in this provision, means a business concern that (1) is at least 51% minority-owned by one or more individuals, or minority business enterprises that are both socially and economically disadvantaged and (2) have its management and daily business controlled by one or more such individuals as ascribed under the Minority Business Enterprise Act 57 – 69 and the Small Business Act 15 USCS, Section 637(a). See back of form for more information. Should you require additional information regarding your Minority Status, or need assistance in completing this form please call the Mississippi Development Authority, Minority Business Enterprise Division at 601-359-3448.

\_\_\_\_ **APPLICABLE**

\_\_\_\_ **NOT APPLICABLE**

**IF MINORITY STATUS IS APPLICABLE, PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE CODE BELOW:**

**Minority Business Enterprise**

\_\_\_\_ A (Asian Indian)  
\_\_\_\_ B (Asian Pacific)  
\_\_\_\_ C (Black American)  
\_\_\_\_ D (Hispanic American)  
\_\_\_\_ E (Native American)

**Women Business Enterprise**

\_\_\_\_ M (Asian Indian)  
\_\_\_\_ N (Asian Pacific)  
\_\_\_\_ O (Black American)  
\_\_\_\_ P (Hispanic American)  
\_\_\_\_ Q (Native American)  
\_\_\_\_ R (Other) Non Ethnic Women

The undersigned certifies under the penalties (administrative suspension and/or ineligibility for participation) set forth in the Minority Business Enterprise Act 57- 69, and the Small Business Act 15 USCS, Section 637 (a), that the company classification and selected information above is true and correct. The undersigned will advise of any change in such classification at once.

Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSISSIPPI MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ACT 57-69

MINORITY as used in this provision means a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is: Black Americans - racial groups of Africa; Hispanic Americans - of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central/South America, Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin; Native Americans - origin in any of the original peoples North America; Asian Pacific Americans - origins of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent; Women.

MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS or MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE as used in this provision means a socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern organized for profit performing a commercially useful function which is owned and controlled by one or more individuals or minority business enterprises, at least seventy-five (75%) of whom are resident citizens of the State of Mississippi.

OWNED AND CONTROLLED as used in this provision means a business in which one or more minorities or minority business enterprises that owns and controls at least 51%, or in the case of a corporation at least 51% of the voting stock and control the management and daily business operations of the business.

## SMALL BUSINESS ACT 15 USCS, SECTION 637 (a)

For the purposes of this provision, the term socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern means any small business concern which is at least 51% unconditionally owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. In the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51% of the stock is unconditionally owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and the management and daily business operations of such small business concern are controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED as used in this provision means individuals who have been subjected to racial and ethnic prejudice or cultural bias because of their identity as members of group and without regard to their individual qualities.

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED as used in this provision means individuals who are socially disadvantaged whose ability to compete in the free enterprise system has been impaired due to diminished capital and credit opportunities as compared to others in the same business area who are not socially disadvantaged. In determining the degree of diminished credit and capital opportunities the Administration shall consider, but not be limited to, the assets and net worth of such socially disadvantaged individual. In determining the economic disadvantage of an Indian tribe, the Administration shall consider, where available, information such as the following: the per capita income of members of the tribe excluding judgment awards, the percentage of the local Indian population below the poverty level, and the tribes access to capital markets.

WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS or WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE as used in this provision means a socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern organized for profit performing a commercially useful function which is at least 51% owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women or women business enterprises.

To view the above mentioned Acts in their entirety log onto [www.mississippi.org](http://www.mississippi.org) and [www.4.law.cornell.edu](http://www.4.law.cornell.edu)